

## Flowers of the Frost.

By A. Decker.

In a recent article of this series reference was made to the extreme beauty and loveliness of the trees of the forest after a heavy hoar frost had clothed their sprays and branches in a pure white vestal garb of crystal; spangling the conifers in landscape into a very fairy land of crystalline sublimity.

But not the trees and shrubs of the sylvan glades only are thus metamorphosed from the leafless, dormant sleep of winter into visions of sparkling beauty; for the humbler vegetation is also clothed by the icy breath of the north in an ever varied enrichment of graceful adornment. Blades of the long couch grass, lying prone upon the ground, are ornamented like the tail feathers of the handsome Australian lye bird, but more beautiful even than that most graceful of all the feather-dance; for if examined with the aid of a magnifying lens, the rows of delicate spicules, symmetrically arranged on each side of the curved blade, are found to be geometric crystals of startling loveliness, each pretty spicule itself embellished with rows of minute, regularly-formed snowy prisms, or barbed javelins.

The expanse of heather presents now a sparkling floral display of pure white full-blown inflorescence; every seeded pod being now enveloped in a girdled sheath of glittering point, transmitting the dead vesicles into a broad stretch of shining flowers, more beautiful even than the bright purpled pageant of early autumn. And later on, as the low slanting rays of the noonday sun have attained some little power, and the frost succumbs before the slowly advancing warmth, the tiny hanging drops of water which have taken the place of the frost crystals now scintillate and sparkle in all colours of the rainbow, as if the heather were bearing clusters of polished diamonds.

Here and there the hard sandy path is strewn with snow-flowers resembling that most coveted by mountaineers of an alpine flower, the pretty snow-born, altitude-loving Edelweiss. Mostly, perhaps, always, decorated with six ornamental petals, these hoary flowers of the frost when examined with the lens present innumerable varieties of form and design. In some the six petals are feathered with minute regularly arranged shining spicules; others have a long lance-headed barbed shaft projecting from the centre of each petal; while some are ornamented with a lace-work decoration surrounding the geometrically designed central flower.

And everything is beautiful. All nature seems to be reveling in the glory and elegant grace of the frosty scene. Even the singing birds, though cold-winter, have commenced to utter their melodious lays, and are scolding forth their delight; though perhaps not with that rollicking hilarity and blithe some gaiety which marks their note when the year is in its prime, and the life-sustaining solar warmth has clothed all nature in its summer garb.

And then the thought occurs that in these realms of glory above, what- ever the glories and the beauties be, this form of snowy beauty must be absent. Ah! but surely those who, having gained an entry through faith in the all-prevailing atonement of the Saviour of the world, by which their sins have been for ever expiated, will have the power to explore the whole wide circle of the universe, and, with far more penetrating eyes than they now possess, will, if they wish, visit on angel wing all the beauties and all the significance of that tremendous realm.

## Gaudian Cattle in Aberdeenshire.

The removal of the British embargo on Canadian cattle is evidently still a live question in Scotland, as shown by the following item from a recent issue of the "North British Agriculturist," a paper which has strongly opposed the free admission of Canada "Stores."

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Literary Society. "Should the restrictions on Canadian cattle be removed?" was held in the Public Hall, New Deer under the auspices of the local Literary Society. The local papers state that there was large attendance and considerable interest was taken in the debate. Mr. Niles, coachbuilder, supported the negative, and Mr. Godman, of Nains of Federate, the affirmative. Mr. Niles made an able speech in favor of his pointing out the injury that would be done to small farmers and crofters who depended mainly on their stock for a living, were Canadians admitted; but Mr. Godman who argued mainly on Free Trade theories was one too many for him and in the end carried the affirmative by a considerable majority. The great majority of those present were not farmers at all, but the vote shows how opinion may go even in this large cattle breeding country.

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And why not be cheerful? Surely if there is a person on earth who should be cheerful, it is the man or woman who has, by faith in our divine Master, become a child of God, and, therefore, an heir to, and partaker in, all the promises and blessings that must be ours as sure as God's word is true. We all like the man whose cheerfulness is not dependent upon the weather or the condition of the market. Happy is the home, and the church, and the

community, that is blessed by such persons. The cheerful, joyous Christian is like a ray of Heavenly sunshine, no matter where he may be found. Worldly disadvantages have no terrors for him. In fact, some of the happiest people on earth are those who, although hidden in some obscure corner, are faithfully doing their duty every moment of every day, and singing while they do it. Let us resolve that we will show a cheerful face, no matter how dark the clouds may that gather around us, and thus show to the world that we have an indwelling peace that passeth all understanding!

## Wilfred Lucas in Redlands Cal.

(Redlands Daily Facts.) A crowded house, an appreciative audience and a group of finished artists all combined to make the Spinet Concert given last evening in the Auditorium a decided success.

The program was varied and interesting, presenting selections from the classic compositions of Handel, the florid style of Verdi, Grieg's weird creations and the emotional school as represented by Chaminade and Rieck. In the song cycle, by Alexander von Pielitz, was included the entire range of musical expression. Wilfred Lucas interpreted with exquisite fidelity, being especially fine in the subdued melancholy of "Silent Woe," the tender passion of "Roses" and the naive simplicity of "Child Voices." Mr. Lucas has a remarkably fine baritone voice, full of expression, and yet so admirably controlled that one feels that the singer has never reached the limit of his powers. Mrs. E. H. Spoor accompanied delightfully, never permitting the piano part to intrude in the slightest degree.

Mr. Lucas is soloist and choir director in one of the large city churches in Redlands.

## HOW THE KLONDYKE WAS DISCOVERED.

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According to Mr. James Barnley, who tells the story in his book, "Summits of Success," the discoverer of the Klondyke goldfields was one George Carmack, a penniless adventurer. The way in which his find came about was singularly romantic. In the course of his wanderings in Alaska he came upon a camp of Indians, who were feasting and dancing. "One of the Indian girls, stepping aside from the dance, crept up to him and asked him why he was so sad. Her pleading ways and tender voice awoke such emotion in him that he told her the story of his adventures, his vain search for gold, and his helplessness; and before they parted that night she whispered to him, 'Meet me at the bend of the river to-morrow, and I will tell you the gold to make you glad.'

"The girl was Tahish Kate, of the Alaskan tribe. The next day they met at the appointed place, and inviting him into her canoe, she paddled him up the river, and again promised to tell him things to make him glad. It was then that her woman's native artfulness came to her aid. She loved the man, and when he talked about going back to his own people, she implored him to stay and she would make him rich; but there was one condition—when she revealed her secret it must be as a marriage gift of the wife to the husband.

"Whether Carmack was as much in love with the Indian maiden as she was with him may be doubted. Be that as it may, the couple were married, Tahish Kate became Mrs. George Carmack, and there was a feast of plenty lasting three days, at which red chiefs from far and near assembled. This was in the autumn of 1891, and Tahish Kate's husband had to wait

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